

Applic. No. 10/623,068

Amdt. dated June 30, 2005

Reply to Office action of June 16, 2005

Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-29 and 32-34 remain in the application. Claims 1-21 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 30 and 31 were previously cancelled.

On page 2 of the above-identified Office communication, the Examiner stated that the reply filed on March 31, 2005 is not fully responsive because of the following omissions or matters.

More specifically, the Examiner has stated that the arguments do not respond to all grounds of rejections, specifically, claims 32-34.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner. In a telephone conversation with the Examiner on June 20, 2005, undersigned pointed out to the Examiner that the rejections of claims 32-42 over Funada (U.S. Patent No. 6,078,299) in view of Yamada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,932,950) and over Wright (U.S. Patent No. 6,445,265 B1) in view of Yamada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,932,950) under 35 U.S.C. § 103, were fully addressed on pages 17-18 of the response dated March 31, 2005.

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From the conversation with the Examiner, it appeared as though she believed that arguments pertaining to claim 22 with respect to these rejections are required. Undersigned indicated that the rejections are of claims 32-34 and that specific comments with respect to claim 22 over these references are not necessary.

Based upon the discussion with the Examiner, the Examiner requested that a response still be filed to state applicants' position regarding claims 32-34. Applicants' position is as follows.

In the response submitted on March 31, 2005, applicants responded to rejections of claims 32-34 over Funada (U.S. Patent No. 6,078,299) in view of Yamada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,932,950) and over Wright (U.S. Patent No. 6,445,265 B1) in view of Yamada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,932,950) under 35 U.S.C. § 103. In summary, applicants stated that Yamada does not make up for the deficiencies of either one of Wright or Funada. Furthermore, since claim 22 is believed to be allowable, dependent claims 32-34 are believed to be allowable as well. As seen from the above-noted comments the comments are fully responsive to the rejections of claims 32-34. Therefore, the response filed on March 31, 2005 is fully

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responsive. Accordingly, no further arguments are made.

Should the Examiner disagree it is kindly requested that the Examiner discuss the response with her supervisor.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claim 22. Claim 22 is, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art and since all of the dependent claims are ultimately dependent on claim 22, they are believed to be patentable as well.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-29 and 32-34 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

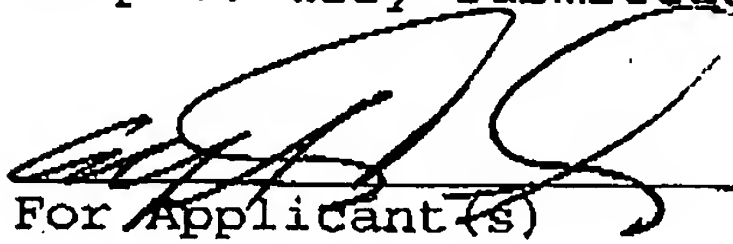
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Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner & Greenberg P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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